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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF OFFSHORE OIL CONTRACT PROPOSALS

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1. WE UNDERSTAND MOC COMPLETED EVALUATION OF OFFSHORE OIL CONTRACT PROPOSALS BY EARLY SEPTEMBER AND IS NOW AWAITING CABINET (AND NE WIN'S) APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS. BECAUSE OF GUB PRE-OCCUPATION WITH SECOND PARTY CONGRESS (OCTOBER 8-APPROXIMATELY 21), FINAL DECISION AND NOTIFICATION TO COMPANIES INVITED BACK NOT LIKELY TILL LATTER PART OF OCTOBER.

2. UNTIL DECISION MADE, MOC DOES NOT WISH TO RECEIVE VISITORS FROM OIL COMPANIES INQUIRING ABOUT STATUS OF PROPOSALS.

3. MOC DIRECTOR U TIN AUNG (NOT ALWAYS COMPLETELY RELIABLE SOURCE ON SUCH MATTERS) INDICATED ABOUT TEN COMPANIES LIKELY TO

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BE INVITED BACK FOR SECOND ROUND. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED MOC WOULD

PREFER ACTUAL CONTRACTS WITH NO MORE THAN FIVE OR SIX, ACCEPTING RELATIVELY UNDEMANDING WORK OBLIGATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE LESS PROMISING BLOCKS. COMMENT: EARLIER INDICATIONS (REF B) HAD BEEN THAT NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS WOULD BE SOMEWHAT GREATER. THIS IS SUBJECT ON WHICH MOC THINKING MAY BE CHANGING SOMEWHAT AS IMPLICATIONS OF MANAGEMENT CONTROL ARE GRASPED, AND IT COULD ALSO BE POINT ON WHICH MOC POSITION MAY BE MODIFIED BY CABINET DECISION.

4. TIN AUNG REMARKED IN PASSING THAT SOME PROPOSALS ENVISAGED ARBITRATION BY INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR SIMILAR BODIES, AND NOTED THIS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO GUB. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED MOC AND GUB COULD ACCEPT ARBITRATION WITH EACH SIDE CHOOSING ARBITRATOR AND THE TWO AGREEING ON A THIRD-PARTY CHAIRMAN. COMMENT: IF TIN AUNG'S UNDERSTANDING OF GUB POSITION IS CORRECT, IT WOULD BE SOMEWHAT SURPRISING TO SEE WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ANY FORM OF ARBITRATION. HOWEVER, MOC AND GUB LAWYERS MAY BE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING FOR SOME MEANS OF SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE THE AMATEURISH "PEOPLE'S COURTS" WHICH ARE REPLACING PROFESSIONAL JUDGES IN BURMESE LEGAL SYSTEM.

5. FOREGOING MAY BE PASSED IN CONFIDENCE TO INTERESTED US COMPANIES.
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